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The GDR received a request from [redacted] concerning buses to be made available for the Fifth [redacted] 1955 at Warsaw. The GDR Ministry of Traffic ordered the Leipzig branch office to make the bus shipments to Warsaw. A total of 110 "Ikarus"-type buses (motor bus of Hungarian make) was withdrawn from business traffic at Bezirke Leipzig, Cottbus, Dresden, Chemnitz (Karl-Marx Stadt), and Erfurt. These buses were concentrated at Leipzig on 20 July. On 23 July, the buses were loaded on three trains as follows:

One shipment including 40 buses were dispatched from Dresden railroad station at Leipzig;

one shipment including 40 buses was dispatched from Schoenefeld railroad station at Leipzig;

one shipment including 35 buses was dispatched from Wiederitzsch railroad station at Leipzig.

In addition to the 110 "Ikarus"-1 repair-shop truck with trailer, 1 repair-shop truck, 2 BMW-type 1 Buessing-type conference bus were dispatched. The conference bus was equipped with a telephone and a radio station. The radio station had a range of about 50 km. Two drivers were assigned to each bus. Specialized mechanics, joiners, welders, etc., were employed on the trains. The three trains were escorted by about 250 persons in uniforms (blue shirts and blouses) without FDJ insignia but with gold escutcheons.

In addition to the 110 "Ikarus"-type buses and the motor vehicles mentioned above, 40 "Ikarus"-type buses were made available in the northern districts of the GDR and loaded at Potsdam. All these vehicles were lent to the Poles for about four weeks.

Comment: The "Ikarus"-type buses mentioned were imported from Hungary in 1960.

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